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REMARKS

Claims 19-56 are pending in this application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled. Claims

19-56 are new. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully

requested.

Double Patenting Rejection - Non-Statutory

Claims 1-18 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory, obviousness-type double

patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 and claims 38, 39, 41-48, 50, 52 and 54 of U.S.

Patent No. 6,693,920. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1-18 have been canceled by the foregoing amendment. Accordingly, these

rejections are moot.

Double Patenting Rejection - Statutory

Claims 1-18 stand rejected on the ground of statutory-type double patenting as being

unpatentable over claims 19, 21, 23-30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,693,920.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1-18 have been canceled by the foregoing amendment. Accordingly, these

rejections are moot.

New Claims

Although the new claims recite related subject matter to some of the issued claims U.S.

Patent No. 6,693,920, these claims clearly are not identical. Further, since independent claims

19 and 39 recite related subject matter to issued independent claim 1 of the parent U.S. Patent

No. 6,693,920, they are therefore allowable for similar reasons.

The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on the above-

identified independent claims. See MPEP § 2143.01. Moreover, these claims recite additional

subject matter, which is not suggested by the documents taken either alone or in combination

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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